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COMMUNITY NEWS & DATES FOR OCTOBER

8 Oct, Saturday: Semi-Annual Garage Sale. Open to the public. 7am-12pm. Banners posted prior to sale. To be included on the Garage Sale Map, please email Property Manager at LegRanch@CiraMail.com with your last name, address and short list summarizing items you plan to sell. Look for event details once available at: www.facebook.com/groups/LegendsRanch

15 Oct, Saturday: Annual Fall Festival with a 1980s Theme. Look for event details once available at: www.facebook. com/groups/LegendsRanch & Stay tuned for Banners posted by the gates closer to the festival date. Social Committee contact: LRsocialcommittee@gmail.com

25 Oct, Tuesday: Monthly Property Owners Association Board Meeting*, Open Session 6:00-7:30pm (sometimes carrying into 8pm depending on the Town Hall Question & Answer session after business portion has concluded). Open to all who reside in Legends Ranch. Board of Directors contacts include: Brown, Kenneth - kennethbrownlr@gmail.com; Garrington, Eric - ericlrhoa@gmail. com; Kallaway, Kristian - lrpoabm5@gmail.com; Moulin, Sebastian - ilovelegendsranch@yahoo.com; Riley, Desireah - desrileylrpoa@ gmail.com. If emailing or copying all five board members, reminder the property manager(s) can be included at legranch@ciramail.com. *Held the last Tuesday of the Month unless otherwise noted.



POA OF Legends Ranch

Agenda for Board Meeting held on 9/27/16 OPEN SESSION (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM)

All members are welcome to attend the board meeting (except for executive session), but not participate in the board's discussion; unless specifically invited to do so by the board.

- 1. Establish of Quorum and Call to Order
- 2. Summary of Executive Session
- 3. Adoption of Agenda
- 4. Consideration of Previous Meeting Minutes- July 26, 2016
- 5. Financial Report
- a. July 2016 Managing Agent
- 6. Election of Board Officers
- 7. Saturday Office Hours
- 8. Proposals
- 8a. 2017 Budget
- 8b. Street Light Addition- Legends Ridge Dr.
- 8c. Door Modification-Splash Pad Building
- 9. Additional Business
- 9a. Review of Contracts (Cintas, Voreh, Aquatic Management)
- 9b. Proposed Idea for Old Gym
- 9c. Drill Site Project Update
- 9d. Splash Pad Project Update
- 10. Committee Update
- 10a. Social Committee
- I. Fall Festival
- II. Community Garage Sale
- 11. Scheduling of Next Board Meeting
- 12. Adjournment

13. Homeowner Forum (Due to time constraints, (3) minutes per person)

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TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional Polo Tennis and Athletic Club, Austin, TX



STEP 1

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How to execute The Forehand High Volley Approach Shot

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit a forehand groundstroke, a two-handed backhand, one-handed backhand, forehand volley, the two handed backhand volley, the serve, the forehand half-volley, the one-handed backhand volley, the overhead "smash", the forehand service return and the backhand service return.

In this issue, I will offer you instructions on how to execute the forehand high approach shot. This shot is used when a player is caught in "no-person's land" (around the service line area) and receives a high ball to volley. The important part of this shot is to be able to hit a deep volley to the feet of the opponents and/or to hit a deep volley close to the baseline, so the opponent is put in a defensive mode and hits a softer ball so the player can now move closer to the net for the "killer or placement volley". In the illustrations, Kathy Noble, a player at the Polo Tennis and Athletic Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke.

Step 1: The Ready Position and Split Step: When Kathy realizes that she is caught in "no-person's land", she takes the split step by bending the knees and staying on her toes. Her racket is in the volley position and her feet are angled toward the path of the incoming ball.

Step 2: The Back Swing: Once Kathy realizes that the ball has been directed to her forehand, she will turn her upper body and will take the racket slightly back. Notice that the left hand is up in front to allow her to keep her center of gravity in the center. She has loaded her weight on her right foot and will be ready to step forward to meet the ball.

Step 3: The Point of Contact: Kathy now is ready to step into the ball. She has kept her eye on the ball and her center of gravity now

is shifted to the point of contact. Notice the left toe pointing to the ball meeting the racket. The face of the racket is open to allow her to hit behind the ball and allow maximum net height and allow her to hit the ball deep.

Step 4: The Follow Through: Once Kathy has made contact with the ball, she finishes the follow through with her wrist laid back. Her left arm is next to her body and her eyes have shifted toward her target.

Step 5: The Move for the Kill Volley: As the ball is headed toward her opponent and Kathy realizes that her shot it deep, now she moves close to the net for the put away volley. If her shot was not deep, Kathy will decide to stay close to the service line to protect the lob over her head. By the look in her eyes and her smile, she is ready to go for the "kill volley".

Look in the next Newsletter for: The One Hand Backhand Volley Approach Shot



IN A WORLD DOMINATED BY THE TYPICAL, ONE COMMUNITY DARES TO BE ANYTHING BUT. 2 MINUTES from the MIND-BLOWING NEW AWARD-WINNING BOREDOM-DEFYING: **NONSTOP EVENTS** and NEW SECTIONS ON-SITE SCHOOLS GRAND PARKWAY **EXCITEMENT** AMENITIES HOLCOMB FAMILY YMCA





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FINDING BALANCE ONE ROOM AT A TIME

Taking a Systematic Approach To De-Cluttering & Organizing Your Home This Fall

Now that the kids are back in school and the hotter days of summer are over, it is a good time to focus on your home. While it may seem like a daunting task, an easy place to start is fall cleaning, the counterpart to spring cleaning. This includes both de-cluttering & organizing.

De-cluttering-Before you begin, have the right mindset and tools in place. I always find it helpful to have 5 labeled containers ready to go. The labels should read 1) Use 2) Store 3) Donate 4) Sell and 5) Trash. As you move from room to room or closet to closet think about the cooler temperatures and pull out those items that will come in handy like winter clothing and bed linens. Also, you might want to take out spring and summer colors in your décor and place those things in your "store" bin. The benefit to taking this systematic approach is that it can be much easier to make decisions on items when you only have the 5 choices right in front of you as well as a place to put items rather than on the floor in several piles. Using the right types of containers is also helpful-plastic bins for use and store, cardboard boxes for donate and sell and trash bags for trash. That way, no more thought goes into how it gets to the right place, it's all ready to go.

Organizing-After cleaning out unnecessary items, it's time to organize the things you want to keep. I love to containerize my things. What containers you use depend on what it is for; jewelry, make-up, seasonal clothes, purses, books, magazines, toys, etc. All types are available at a variety of stores. The key is to determine what you want to place in bins and make a list of what size, shape and material you need before you head out to shop for the containers. A place for everything and everything in its place is a smart motto.

From here, you will have a clean slate and can create a warm and inviting home this fall for you to enjoy with family and friends and be ready for all of the upcoming holidays.

Article by Rita Lopez, business owner and creative designer. If you would like more home organization and/or design tips, please contact rita@tarragonadesigns.com





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Randy is 9 weeks old. Mom dog was found pregnant and had her puppies. The mom dog was a white fluffy dog (Westie/Shih Tzu Mix). We do not know what breed the father dog was. These puppies will be medium size max when full grown but may be smaller (their mom was only 15-18 lbs). Randy is a fun loving puppy who would love to find his forever home!

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Submitted by Megan Ransom

Meet 10 year old Jamarrian, he is an energetic, friendly and outgoing child. He enjoys doing puzzles, playing video games and being outdoors. Jamarrian is a very intelligent young boy and does well academically. The ideal forever family would provide him with ample love and support, as well as consistent rules, boundaries and expectations. Learn more about Jamarrian on the Heart Gallery of Central Texas Website- www. heartgallerytexas.com.

There are no fees to adopt from the foster care system regardless of which agency you work with. There is only one pool of children, and they are all in care of the state, every licensed agency has the ability to assist in adoption of any foster child in Texas. Child placing agencies are also foster care providers. The first step is to choose a child placing agency to begin your journey. Learn more about starting the adoption process and the children waiting for forever families at www.heartgallerytexas.com.

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LEGENDS RANCH Texas Legal: Identity Theft 101

Sadly, more and more people are realizing Identity Theft is an issue they may face, and they may need legal support if affected.

Texas Legal, the nonprofit that has been offering legal insurance to Texans for 40+ years, has partnered with AllClear ID, a technology leader in the identity protection market, to provide its members identity repair services, monitoring and restoration. If affected, a licensed investigator goes to work on your behalf to restore your credit to its accurate state.

It's a big and growing problem.

According to the FTC (Federal Trade Commission), there are more than 9 million victims of identity theft in the U.S. every year. That's about nine out of every 300 people, so there is a good chance you or someone you know has been affected or will be affected. There are various ways a thief can use your personal information, including misusing your Social Security number, making purchases with your lost or stolen credit cards, using your checking account or fraudulently opening an account in your name, among others.

While many identity crimes are about buying something on someone else's dime, that's not all identity thieves can do with your information. These days, thieves are also using your information to get medical services (called medical identity theft) or to obtain a job (employment fraud). Both can cause serious repercussions for your future, including the denial of medical benefits or your dream job.

Often, sadly, many victims of identity theft actually know the person who perpetrated the theft. It could be an employee, a neighbor or even a family member. Be very wary of sharing your accounts, usernames, passwords, social security numbers or other personal information with anyone. Older adults are particularly vulnerable to having their information stolen by caregivers who abuse their trust.

While we generally think of identity theft victims as adults – stolen credit cards, email passwords, data breaches, etc. - children are actually much more likely to be victims of identity theft. AllClearID data shows children are 35 times more likely to have their identity compromised. This is because children have clear credit histories which are easy to take advantage of. And, no one is paying attention, so the theft can go on for years before someone notices and intervenes.

So What Can You Do?

Personal information is a valuable commodity. Knowing how to protect your information –and your identity – is a must in the 21st

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century and can help reduce your risk of identity theft. Texas Legal shares these six tips:

- Keep your personal information secure online. If you post too much information about yourself on social media networking sites, an identity thief can find information about your life, use it to answer 'challenge' questions on your accounts, and get access to your bank accounts and other information.
- Keep your personal information secure offline. Review account activity regularly, not just when statements come out. When you order new checks, don't have them mailed to your home unless you have a secure mailbox with a lock. Destroy labels on prescription bottles before you throw them out.
- Properly dispose of devices. Before you dispose of a computer, use a wipe utility program to overwrite the entire hard drive. Before you dispose of a mobile device, check the service provider's website or device manufacturer's website on how to delete information permanently.
- Safeguard your Social Security number. Ask questions before deciding to share it, including if you can use a different kind

of identification. Safeguard the social security numbers of your children and their confidential information too.

- Keep your devices secure. Don't use an automatic log-in feature that saves your username and password. Always log off your laptop when you are finished. Before you send personal information over your laptop, tablet or smart phone on a public wireless network, see if your information is protected. If you use an encrypted website, it protects only the information you send to and from that site. If you use a secure wireless network, all the information you send on that network is protected.
- Secure your home wireless network/wifi. Don't leave your home network unprotected, change your wifi network name and password from default, and often if you share it. Use your router's built in protection, make sure both encryption and the built in firewall are turned on.

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LEGENDS RANCH Finding Grace

When I first sat down to write this piece, I had planned to do a piece on forgiveness. I have had several situations lately where forgiveness seemed applicable, even necessary, but I felt myself struggling. I kept circling back around to the thought that I was in the right, they were in the wrong, and it just did not seem fair that I needed to be the one to dig deep and forgive. I was definitely dragging my feet.

As always, I found myself taking notes and learning about the active nature of grace just by watching my horses. Horses exude grace. Their movements are the very definition of grace. They embody the spirit of grace in their willingness to accept us as friends and partners in this journey. The very fact that they, as prey animals, choose to trust humans; predators, defies the natural order of the world and demonstrates the act of grace. We are undeserved of their generous gift of companionship, but can choose to cherish and learn from it.

Along my way to finding forgiveness, I found myself practicing grace. I learned I did not have to be right, but could extend the hand of friendship and choose not to allow petty grievances to harm a longtime relationship. Doing so would not only harm that friendship, but would also hurt me by allowing bitterness and self-destructive thoughts and patterns to form.

To me, this portrays our relationship with God. By our very nature, humankind are sinners and undeserved of His love and mercy, yet He still bestows upon us this incredible gift of grace. I honestly believe that He gave us animals to act as instructors of grace so that we could become the people He intends us to be. I know I have learned so many unexpected lessons in life from mine. I learned grace is not just a singular act, but a continuous action that must be practiced daily in order to have real impact in life. In finding grace, I have also discovered a way to be closer to God and to accept harsh truths and realities without accruing toxic feelings of bitterness and self-justification. In writing this, I hope that my lesson might help even one person on his own journey.

Tara Chatterson works at Five Horses, LLC in Waller, TX. To find out more about how horses can help you, check out the natural horsemanship program, as well as the equine assisted learning workshops provided here: www.fivehorses.com.





Hurricane Preparedness for Your Pets

Don't forget to include your pets in your hurricane preparedness and evacuation plan. Storms can be scary for your animals, especially if they are moved out of their usual familiar environment.

Be sure to have their crate or carrying case ready along with extra bedding and toys. Bring along at least four days worth of food with dishes and one week of medications. Investigate pet friendly hotels or motels ahead of time to be sure they allow pets and do not have a number limit.

In addition, if you are not planning to leave your home and have the space, you might consider fostering one or two animals that may have nowhere to go during the storm period. After all, they ARE a part of the family.













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